



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor – Lori An Gobert  
Mayor Pro Tem – Chuck Rankin  
Councilman – Keith Cummings  
Councilman – Ronny Daley  
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba (Arrived 5:38 p.m.)  
Councilman – Michael Ridlen  
City Manager – Donald Warschak  
City Secretary – Bana Schneider  
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Detective – Rusty Moulder

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

**3. Citizens' Presentations and Comments<sup>1</sup>**

There were no citizen comments.

**4. Second Reading of Resolution 250-22, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of a Business Improvement Grant to 7GT Properties, LLC for Facade Improvements. [RESOLUTION 250-22 CCIDC](#)**

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This item was tabled until further notice.

**5. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 250-22, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of a Business Improvement Grant to 7GT Properties, LLC for Facade Improvements.**

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**6. Discussion of Budget Workshop**

Finance Director and City Secretary, Bana Schneider, gave an overview of the budget process. She explained the budget notebooks and where specific information can be found.

**Sciba arrived at 5:38 p.m.**

Council discussed preliminary property tax valuation and the tax rate adoption process.

There was a discussion regarding projected sales tax revenue for the remainder of fiscal year 2022 and budgeted sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2023.

Wish list items were discussed including pay for fire fighters who make calls, an increase in transfers to the fire equipment fund, and a used backhoe for the public works department.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding police department hourly compensation and certification pay.

6.1. **Budget Overview** [BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS 07.18.2022.pdf](#) 

6.2. **Preliminary Tax Rate** [PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE TAX CALCULATION.pdf](#) 

6.3. **Miscellaneous** [SALES TAX.pdf](#) 

6.4. **Payroll**

6.5. **General Fund** [GENERAL FUND 07.21.2022.pdf](#) 

**7. Items from Councilmembers<sup>2</sup>**

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - none

Rankin - none

Gobert - Thanked Council for allowing her to attend the last regular meeting remotely. She also gave a big thanks to our fire department and the other local departments who responded to the major fires earlier in the month.

**8. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**9. Adjournment**

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.



**Lori An Gobert, Mayor**

**Attest:**



**Bana Schneider, City Secretary**

<sup>1</sup>During this agenda item, citizens may comment for the record on items, which are not on the agenda. However, the Council may not participate in discussion or deliberation on any item that is not on the agenda. Citizens may request that a topic be added to a future agenda.

<sup>2</sup>Limited to statements. Issues raised by councilmembers under this item cannot be deliberated by Council. The Open Meetings Act does not allow Council to deliberate items that don't appear on the agenda.